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Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Why should the Madras Government be denied the name that they have directly or indirectly helped the Congress and that was why it was such a grand success? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The success of the Avadi Session of the Congress was a great compliment to the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee."

Extraction of bauxite in Salem district

* 282 Q.—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether bauxite is available in Salem district and if so, where;

(b) whether any company or individual is at present removing bauxite from the above areas;

(c) if so, how much bauxite is being removed; and

(d) whether the Government propose to undertake the extraction of bauxite themselves?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir; in the Shevaroy Hills, Yercaud.

" (b) Yes, Sir, the Shevaroy Bauxite Products Company, Limited, who hold a mining lease.

" (c) On an average, a quantity of about 1,100 tons of bauxite is being extracted annually.

" (d) No, Sir."

Cultivation under food crops and under commercial crops in the State

* 283 Q.—Sri V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the total acreage of cultivation in the State under food crops and under commercial crops;

(b) the total quantity of manure, chemical and green at present in demand for agricultural purposes in the State;

(c) whether there has been any deficit in the supply of manure and, if so, how it is proposed to make up such deficit; and

(d) whether there is any scheme to make the State self-sufficient in food and in supply of cotton?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 894–895 infra.